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The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in two related EP applications. Copies of the EP Examiner's Communications pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC, dated July 3, 2006, are enclosed herewith, as well. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

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